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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for your filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.10 are the following papers in connection with the above-identified patent application:

1. Complete patent application, including 36 pages of the specification, 6 pages of claims, and 1 page Abstract;
2. Ten (10) sheets of drawings including Figures 1-10 as described in the specification;
3. The following are the inventors listed on the above-identified patent application: Tracy A. Gast; Stephen C. Loper; and Thomas J. Wagener;
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Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 111 and 37 CFR 1.53(b), this application is being filed with the necessary application, claims, and drawings. Please place this application on file upon receipt with a filing date of June 27, 2003.

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